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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Examiner: P. Prebilic

Steven Z. Wu et al.

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Title: Drug Delivery Apparatus and Method for Delivering a Therapeutic Substance

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Examiner Prebilic:

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002, which has a shortened statutory period for response that ended November 1, 2002. The enclosed petition requests a two-month extension of time, extending the period for response to January 1, 2003.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated August 1, 2002 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. No new matter is presented, and no new issues are raised which would require further consideration and/or search. Claims 1-11 and 21-25 are respectfully submitted for consideration.